

**THE SCREVEN COUNTY**  
**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**OCTOBER 11, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of Screven County, Georgia, Mr. Will Boyd, Chairman, Mr. J.C. Warren, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Allison Willis, Mr. John Triplett, Ms. Rosa Romeo, Mr. Edwin Lovett and Mr. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on October 11, 2022, at the Screven County Courthouse.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mr. Aaron Meyer, County Attorney (via zoom), Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Jonna Thompson, Ben Thompson, Shannon Moore, Lagina Evans, T. Roberts, Rachel Barnwell, Kathryn Youles, Sarah Rowe, Sarah Saxon, Bobby Smith and Randy Hagan.

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order. Commissioner Triplett gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Commissioners' meeting with corrections. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rachel Barnwell, the new Executive Director for the Screven County Development Authority would like the Board to reconsider the rezoning request from the Planning & Zoning Board.

Ms. Barnwell is new to the county and would like more information about this decision and how it will affect the other properties at the Industrial Park.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

(1) **Planning & Zoning Board** Chairman Boyd opened the meeting to public comment on a Conditional Use from Tri-County Processing for the purpose of a meat processing facility, located at 1005 Millen Hwy, in Commissioner District 1. Ms. Rachel Barnwell inquired about the dumping due to processing, the exact location in reference to the Industrial Park properties and possible effects. Chairman Boyd closed the meeting to public comment. Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board for the Conditional Use. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Dixon, and Commissioner Romeo are in favor of this motion. Commissioner Triplett abstained. The motion carried by majority vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

(1) **ACCG Agreement** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the amendment to Schedule D2 of the Administrative Services Agreement with ACCG Retirement Services. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Agreement in minute book page \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_).

(2) **Lease Renewal** Commissioner Warren made a motion to renew and execute the lease Agreement with TCSG-OTC. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(3) **Appointment** Commissioner Willis made a motion to reappoint Mr. Warren Poythress to the Planning & Zoning Board for another three-year term. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. Commissioner Romeo made a motion to appoint Mr. Casey

Sowell to the Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

**(4) Discussion** Commissioner Boyd discussed with the Board the purchasing of a Hot Box for the Roads & Bridges Department using SPLOST funds. This equipment ranges from \$30,000-\$60,000 and would be used to fill in pot holes on the county roads. Cold Patch is currently being used and it is not durable enough to remain secure. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Bobby Smith, Director of Roads & Bridges to look into this matter further.

#### **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Warren stated that he has been getting calls about dogs running loose and going on to other people's property. Mr. Bobby Smith who also helps with Animal Control stated that if he goes on a call and the dog is not in the neighbor's yard at the time of arrival or is not showing signs of being a nuisance or aggressive, there is legally nothing he can do. Ordinances show that the animal has to be considered a nuisance or aggressive in order for Animal Control to intervene. Mr. Warren would like tighter restrictions for these types of situations, so he has asked Mr. Smith to reach out to other counties to see what types of ordinances they have. Commissioner Willis would also like for the ordinance to state what constitutes being a nuisance. The Board has agreed to revisit this matter next month. Commissioner Willis also stated that she visited the Ag Center and the outside bathroom and kitchen are in need of some repairs. Chairman Boyd informed Mrs. Willis that the Ag Center is on the list of things to do with SPLOST funds. Commissioner Warren and Commissioner Willis thanked the Roads & Bridges Department for the work that has been done on several county roads. Mrs. Lagina Evans gave an update on the hospital stating that they are pleased with the work that has been done. Mrs. Evans also stated that the Advisory Committee will officially start back having their quarterly meetings. Rachel Barnwell introduced herself as the new Executive Director for the Screven County Development Authority.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

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Chairman

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County Manager